

ADDITIONAL CLERKS FOR MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL OF THE MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE SUBMITTING A REVISED ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR CLERICAL SERVICE.

FEBRUARY 7, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 6, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress copy of a communication from the Supervising Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service of the 4th instant referring to the estimates on page 37 of the Book of Estimates for 1903 for the salaried force of his office, and requesting that in lieu of the estimate therein for one hospital steward and chemist at \$1,200 there be provided for the ensuing fiscal year an additional clerk of class three at \$1,600.

Respectfully,

L. M. SHAW,
Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL
MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,
Washington, February 4, 1902.

SIR: Referring to the estimates for the Office of the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service, page 37, Book of Estimates for 1903, I have to request that the item "hospital steward and chemist" be stricken from the list, and that in lieu thereof one additional clerk of

class 3 be provided, so that the item shall read five clerks of class 3, instead of four clerks of class 3.

The reason for the change requested is that for twenty years this office has borne upon its rolls a hospital steward and chemist at \$1,200 a year, and for most of said period this employee has received in addition thereto \$300 per annum commutation of quarters, which is, by regulation of the Marine-Hospital Service, allowed to hospital stewards. Within the last two months a decision of the Auditor for the Treasury Department has disallowed this allowance. Moreover, by recent regulation of the Treasury Department, the term "hospital steward" has been abolished and the term "pharmacist" substituted therefor.

Therefore, it is desired that this item "hospital steward and chemist" be stricken from the rolls and a clerk of class 3 be substituted, and I have the honor to recommend that the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, be requested to change the estimates as indicated in this letter; that is to say, drop the "hospital steward and chemist" and substitute in lieu thereof one clerk of class 3, so that that item shall read five clerks of class 3, instead of four clerks of class 3.

Respectfully,

WALTER WYMAN,
Surgeon-General M. H. S.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,
Washington, D. C.

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